

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to make reference to the PCT International Application and the Japanese application from which it claims priority.

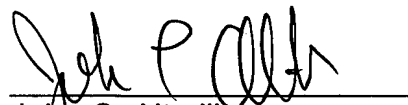
The Abstract has been amended to delete the numerals.

Claims 1, 5, 9, 12, 14, 16, 21-24, 26, and 28-37 have been amended as in the Article 34 Amendment filed during the International phase and to delete the multiple dependency of claim 16. Claims 2, 6, 10, 13, 15, 25, and 27 have been canceled. Claims 3-4, 7-8, 11, and 17-20 remain unchanged. Claims 1, 3-5, 7-9, 11-12, 14, 16-24, 26, and 28-37 remain in the application to be examined.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4200 to discuss any matter concerning this application.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,



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